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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

19 May 1954

SUBJECT : General Comments, Questions, on EE Program for
Fiscal Year 1955

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1. [REDACTED] - see special green tab on this.

The explanation of this Project in terms of the number of personnel involved and the volume of activity seems disproportionate. Presumably these may largely be stand-by facilities but it might be worth exploring the actual use and value of this activity.

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2. [REDACTED] - see special green tab.

As a testing and training program, the staff of 25 persons seems excessive in the absence of a material likelihood of operational use in the near future. Since no projected use is presented, the request for [REDACTED] which includes the [REDACTED] appears to warrant careful consideration.

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3. [REDACTED] - see page 0046.

Paragraph 3.c. seems to blame the non-productivity of this Project on Administration, i.e., "The emphasis on the administrative aspects is due, in part, ... to the external requirements levied on the field by the various components of headquarters." I may be unduly sensitive but in my opinion the failure of this Project was due exclusively to lack of operational competence in commercial matters and operational impatience to get results. The reason for mentioning this is that I'm afraid there will be a tendency to make [REDACTED] General Counsel or Commercial Division responsible for delays in liquidation and any future fund requirements. In my own opinion this was one of the best planned and implemented proprietary projects the Agency ever undertook and that lack of effective guidance and control has been the sole reason for its difficulties.

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4. New Projects - see page 5, paragraph C.: Contingency Requirements -- [REDACTED].

It may be worthwhile to specifically call attention to the fact that approval of an unidentifiable contingency fund merely ensures the availability of such funds and is not authority to expend or obligate them except by established project approval or amendment procedures.

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5. [REDACTED] - see page 0053.

This Project is called to your attention because of the administrative aspects outlined in the 3rd paragraph. What action has or should DD/A take?

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6. [REDACTED] - see pages 83, 84 and 85.

This Project started years ago [REDACTED] and gradually it was converted into a well-controlled and accounted-for activity. Inasmuch as it now costs over [REDACTED] I wonder how effectively it is now controlled and administered.

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7. [REDACTED] - see page 104, ref. to [REDACTED]

Is there an Administrative Plan? Is an operating budget a part of such a Plan? What control, if any, is imposed upon the expenditure of our funds? What reports do we get as to the expenditure of our funds and operational accomplishment?

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